



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### JUNE BOARD NOTES

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#### ***BOARD GIVES EMERGENCY APPROVAL TO 702 KAR 7:130, UNIFORM PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE, INNOVATIVE SCHOOL CALENDARS***

At its June 11-12, 2008, meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education approved the emergency and ordinary versions of 702 KAR 7:130, enabling the Department of Education to immediately offer technical assistance and approval of school calendars. The regulation is necessary due to the General Assembly's passage of legislation (HB 406) that requires the Department to establish uniform procedures allowing the commissioner of education to approve innovative alternative school calendars.

Basically, the regulation outlines the following process:

- A local board of education may request approval of an innovative alternative calendar for 2008-09 or 2009-10 by submitting a written request to the commissioner of education.
- The request must be signed by the local superintendent and board chair and must include:
  - How the alternative calendar will improve teaching and learning.
  - How the 1,062 hours of instruction will be included in the calendar.
  - The structure of any instructional days that are less than six hours in length.



- A description of how the alternative calendar will provide for professional learning situations designed to improve instructional practices that will enhance student learning.

For more information on the implementation of 702 KAR 7:130, contact Dr. Larry Stinson at (502) 564-3930 or via email at [Larry.Stinson@education.ky.gov](mailto:Larry.Stinson@education.ky.gov).

### ***BOARD DISCUSSES PROPOSED CHANGES TO ASSESSMENT REGULATIONS***

The first review of 703 KAR 5:070, Procedures for the inclusion of special populations in the state-required assessment and accountability programs and 703 KAR 5:080, Administration Code for Kentucky's Educational Assessment Program occurred at the June meeting. Both regulations will come back to the Board at its August 6-7 meeting for final approval.

Proposed changes to the Inclusions regulation (703 KAR 5:070), reflect the current assessment and accountability system and new technologies, incorporate federal requirements for students with limited English proficiency and remove repetitive language or language found in other current regulations. For a summary of the specific proposed language changes, go to the following web address to access the staff note on this agenda item and the regulation:

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Administrative+Resources/Kentucky+Board+of+Education/June+11-12+2008+Kentucky+Board+of+Education+Meeting+Agenda+and+Agenda+Book+Documents.htm>

For the Administration Code regulation (703 KAR 5:080), the proposed changes clarify areas where frequent questions are received and update or remove statements that do not apply to the current system. One section, Classroom Materials, has generated much discussion among constituent groups regarding whether classroom materials (i.e., posters) should be removed from the walls during test administration. Department staff proposed that classroom materials displayed to support instruction may remain during test administration, but indicated students shall not be trained to access the materials during testing. The Board asked staff to research what the policies of other states are relative to this issue and bring the information back to the August meeting.

For the specific proposed language changes to 703 KAR 5:080, go to the following web address to access the staff note on this agenda item and the regulation:

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More information on 703 KAR 5:070 and 703 KAR 5:080 can be secured through Ken Draut at (502) 564-2256 or via email at [Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov](mailto:Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov).

### ***BOARD REVIEWS PROPOSED CHANGES TO 704 KAR 3:340, COMMONWEALTH DIPLOMA***

As part of the June agenda, the Kentucky Board of Education's Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee reviewed proposed language changes to 704 KAR 3:340, Commonwealth Diploma. This regulation will come back to the Board in August for final approval.

The proposed changes under consideration are as follows:

- Students would be allowed the flexibility to complete a combination of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses to qualify for the Commonwealth Diploma.
- Students would only be reimbursed for the cost of the AP examinations if they attain a three (3) or higher on the examinations. This aligns with the Council on Postsecondary Education's policy that ensures students who attain a three (3) or higher on these examinations are granted college credit.

Board members expressed some concern over the change in the reimbursement proposal and its effect on students. Department staff were requested to bring back additional data relative to this issue at the August meeting.

For more information on 704 KAR 3:340, contact Jamie Spugnardi at (502) 564-9850 and via email at [Jamie.Spugnardi@education.ky.gov](mailto:Jamie.Spugnardi@education.ky.gov).

### ***WILLIAM BEASLEY APPOINTED TO KHSAA BOARD OF CONTROL***

As one of its four at-large appointments, the Kentucky Board of Education approved the appointment of William "Bill" Beasley from Henderson to the KHSAA Board of Control. He will serve a four-year term beginning July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2012. Mr. Beasley is the owner/manager of Beasley Enterprises and is a Henderson Chamber of Commerce member and a Prichard Committee member. He is a graduate of Murray State University.

For more information about the at-large appointment, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

### ***STATE BOARD SETS MEETING SCHEDULE***

The Kentucky Board of Education's meeting schedule for the remainder of 2008 and the calendar years of 2009 and 2010 was approved at the June meeting. The schedule is as follows:

### KBE Meeting Dates 2008

<u>2008</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Danville – Visit Kentucky School for the Deaf
December 10-11, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort

### KBE Meeting Dates 2009

<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 10-11, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 4, 2009	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Louisville – Visit Kentucky School for the Blind
April 1-2, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 12-13, 2009	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 10-11, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 5-6, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 9, 2009	Regular meeting	Kentucky Dam Village State Park, Gilbertsville
October 7-8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 9-10, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort

### KBE Meeting Dates 2010

<u>2010</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 3-4, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 3, 2010	Regular meeting	General Butler State Park, Carrollton
March 31-April 1, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 18-19, 2010	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 9-10, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 4-5, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 15, 2010	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Ashland
October 6-7, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 8-9, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on the Board's schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller or Susan Palmer at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov) or [Susan.Palmer@education.ky.gov](mailto:Susan.Palmer@education.ky.gov).

***OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 11-12, 2008, MEETING WERE:***

- 702 KAR 3:270, SEEK Funding Formula (Final) – Additional Revisions
- District facility plans: Crittenden, Johnson, Lawrence, Martin and Todd Counties and Danville, Russell and Williamstown Independents
- District facility plan amendment for Nelson County School District
- 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to manage High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in KHSAA Bylaws and Due Process Procedure (Final)
- 2007 Report, 2007 Exceptions and 2009 Plan required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members
- 2009 Kentucky Minimum Specifications for School Buses
- Site approval for Harlan Independent School District per conditions specified by the KBE
- Certification of non-public schools
- Revisions to the KBE Policy Manual
- Appointment of Judy Gibbons, Chair; Austin Moss; Doug Hubbard and Dorie Combs to the KBE Nominating Committee
- Appointment of Billy Harper to the statewide Pre-K to 16 Council

***OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE JUNE MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:***

- Initiatives of the Partnership for Successful Schools and the Kentucky League of Cities/New Cities Initiative
- Presentation by the commissioner to Dodd Caudill (LaRue County Middle School), 2007 Milken Award Winner
- Presentation by Selina Meyer (Indian Trail Elementary, Jefferson County), 2007-08 Special Education Teacher of the Year
- Status report on KHSAA responses to the major recommendations from the Commission on Interscholastic Athletics
- 702 KAR 3:080, Treasurer's Bond, penal sum (Review)
- Arts Assessment and Accountability Update
- KDE Employment Report

*The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the June 11-12, 2008, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

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